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Bark Lafayette's Log Book.

Sailed from New Bedford
May 29th 1841, for Atlantic

Obed Sherman Master

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Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

May 29th 1861

This day commences with thick weather & light breeze at 10 A.M. crew came on board & hauled off from wharf

May 30th Sea account

At noon Steamer took the Bark to the N.E. Holmes Island, Let go the Anchor untill Noon when the tug Boat took the Bark again and put to sea at 2 P.M. Let go the Tug and made all sail stood S.W. with a light wind from E by S a part & calm & light squalls from N.W. Steered S.S.W. At 6 chose watches & Boats crews on board the Chances & stowed the Anchors 6:30 P.M. South part Normans Land Bearing E.S.E. Dist 42 miles Gay head E by N 12 miles distant Through the Night Steering S.S.E. Latter part the same fitting Boats 2 Sails in sight

Lat 40° 18 Long 68° 35

Friday May 31st

Light breeze from N.W. Steering S.S.W. employed fitting Boats &c 4 P.M. course S by E Wind West 3 Sails in sight Through the Night & Latter part light air from N.W. course S.S.E. at 9 A.M. saw Blackfish 3 Bow-reef 3 Boats & caught a fish took them to the ship at noon 4 Sails in sight, one whale man supposed to see the A.R. Tucker Steering S.E. by S. Plenty Blackfish & Porpoises in sight

Lat 39° 21 Long 68° 28

Obed Shearman Master

Saturday June 1st 1861

Commenced with very light airs
and smooth sea all hands employed
cutting & clearing away Blackfish
4 sails in sight & plenty Blackfish
 Latter part light & variable breezes
6 sails in sight 2 Whaler men steering
S & by S. fitting cutting Pencients &
guys & new Porpoises

Lat by Obs $35^{\circ}55'$ Long $67^{\circ}20'$

Sunday June 2nd

Light & variable breezes ship heading
SSE At 7 P.M. wind from SW.

At sundown lowered aboard Boat
for a stick drift wood made all
sail at dark course SSE.

Through the night the same

Latter part winds SW fine
breeze S of Cape Ann.burg Brig
from Bristol England Bound
to New York at 9 A.M.

Lat obs $37^{\circ}53'$ Long by Chr $67^{\circ}33'$

Monday June 3rd

Commenced with Boffing winds ship
heading E, & S.E. At 2 P.M. saw a large
School Blackfish & Porpoises & struck
a Porpoise & lost him from the Bow.
at 5.30 P.M. wind to the SE tacked
to SSW. Saw a Large Steamer steering
NNW. Latter Part Squally
with variable winds commenced minding
Blackfish Blubber getting try gear ready
fitting castles &c

Lat Obs $36^{\circ}40' N.$

Long Chr $64^{\circ}36' W.$

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford
Tuesday June 4th 1861

Came thence with squally weather
At one P.M. commenced to Boil Black
at 1.30 Saw Breaches on the Lee Bow
Ship heading S.E. Next time saw them
3 points on the weather Bow made
them out Sperm whales going quick
to the S.W. Saw them 3 or 4 rising
Working the Ship to windward with
all our might But could not get
near enough to lower our Boats
so they were left as poor as ever
At 6 P.M. saw a sail to the westward
steering East At 8 finished Boiling
Black fish Tacked Ship to S.E.
At 3 A.M. tacked Ship to the westward
day light Passed a Brig steering
S.W. at 9 tacked to S.E. Strong breeze
& squally No observation

Wednesday June 5th

Strong breeze and thick weather
steering S.E. under whole topsails
& courses Employed making New
Pow Sprit Snovels got them done
at 4 Run the Ship off to fit them on
Several miles came to the wind at 5
5.30 P.M. Saw Breaches on the weather
Bow Called them Sperm whales going
quick to the westward at Sun crown
Saw them 8 point from mast head
Ship heading W by N 3 clock Reeft
the Fore topsail At 5 A.M. tacked Ship
to the South furled the main sail Saw
a Brig steering East thick weather
Strong breeze & a bad sea. Employed
fitting Boat sails Lat obs 36° 12' North
Long Obs 67° 12' W

Obed Shearman Master

Thursday June 6th / 61

Commences with strong breezes & cloudy
weather Ship heading South one P.M. set
main sail. Bad Sea on at dusk more
moderate through the Night - Wind & weather
about the same at day light commenced to
cooper & salt the Pew Beef finished at noon
light breezes from S & by S

Lat obs $34^{\circ}20'$ N.

Long Chr $63^{\circ}35'$ West

Friday June 7th

Light breezes from S & S E Ship heading
E by South large swell on. Work employ
stowing meat &c set Spanker & flying jib.
at dark saw a school Blackfish going
to the N.E. at day light & trying Brigs
Reeft Fore & main topsail & equally
fitting Chapeing gear &c

Lat obs $35^{\circ}35'$ N.

Long Chr $61^{\circ}40'$ W.

Saturday June 8th

Commenced with strong breezes from
S by E Ship heading E S E rainy at one
P.M. took in main sail & Gills 5 P.M.
saw a sail steering to the Eastward
at dusk saw a Brig steering E
through the Night heading S E by S
Light gails at midnight 3 Clock
put Lab & Mast Boats on the upper crains
at day light took up the Steerside Boat
& At Doubled reefed the Fore & main
Topsails took in the Gills & furled Fore top
sail Noon set Fore top sail & Gills
& steered East saw a Schooner
here to under close reefed Fore sail
& fore stay sail to the S E & equally

Lat obs $35^{\circ}40'$ N

Long Chr $64^{\circ}20'$ W

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford
Sunday June 9th 1861

Light gails & rainy weather ship
under close reefed sails & fore sail & jib
steering East one schooner in sight about
one hour at dark course ESE

Through the night dark & rainy
letter port weather more moderate
Course the same

Lat obs $35^{\circ}40'N$

Long $55^{\circ}40'W$

Monday June 10th 1861

Strong breeze from WSW Course
ESE 4 PM Saw a finback hauled
aback for it. Made all sail come
S by & saw a sail to the SW

Through the night steering East
Letter port ESE & ENE. Saw a
brig to the North steering East
Employed fitting chafing gear &c

Lat obs $36^{\circ}20'North$

Long Chr $53^{\circ}20'West$

Tuesday June 11th

Moderate breezes & fine weather
Course ENO with all sail out
Employed fitting chafing gear
& looking sharp for whales

A brig in company steering East
Middle & Letter ports fine weather
steering ENO 10 AM passed a
Bark steering to the SW
winds WSW light

Looking for coopers jointer but
could not find it commenced
to make a new one &c

Lat obs $38^{\circ}00'North$

Long Chr $51^{\circ}07'West$

Obed S'hearmen Master

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Wednesday June 12th 1864-

Light breezes from NW fine weather
Ship heading ENE with all sail out

Crew busy by employed cleaning Muskets
at 8 PM steering East

Later part steering E by S' Wind West
Saw Porpoises & Blackfish

Lat Obs $38^{\circ}39'$ North

Long Obs $48^{\circ}24'$ West

Thursday June 13th

light breezes from Westward Course
E by S' Bent Main Royal & fitted
Fore & Main Reefed Rls at 7 PM

Set Main Royal & Fore top gallant sail
Through the night and latter part
light breezes fine weather course E by S
Saw Porpoises

Lat Obs $39^{\circ}15'$ N

Long Obs $46^{\circ}00'$ W

Friday June 14th

Pleasant breezes from Westward
steering E by S with all sail out
Saw Sun fish Crew employed
fitting rigging & coopersing Old Casks
Later part wind weather & course the same
Crew seriously employed

Lat Obs $39^{\circ}51'$ North

Long Obs $43^{\circ}30'$ West

Saturday June 15th

Light breezes from Westward fine
weather Course E by S' Saw peace
squid Saw Fin back & Porpoises
Crew making Spungers

Mid & Later part light air from
Westward and foggy weather saw turtle

Lat Obs $40^{\circ}08'$ North

Long Obs $42^{\circ}15'$ Lunar $42^{\circ}23'$ West

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Sunday June 16th 1861

Commenced with light-air from westwards
& some foggy course E by S. Employed fitting
Bow Bouts Vane's Bearers cranes &c
At 4 P.M. took down a Boat from over head
& put her on the West Boat Crane
for the third mate & put his Boat on
Bow cranes for Spair Boat. Was held in
Ship off and cleared up for Saturday night
through the night light breeze latter part
same fine weather

Lat by obs $40^{\circ}04'$ North

Long Chrs $41^{\circ}04'$ West

do Lunar 4 P.M. $40^{\circ}48'$ West

Monday June 17th

Light breeze from S.W. Ship heading
S E by E with all sail out Saw Fin backs
& Porpoises At 4 P.M. got a Lunar by
observing angular distance Sun & Moon
through the Sight the same course
At 8 A.M. spoke the Ship Contact of
New Bedford 18 days out clear
steering S.E. Saw 4 merchant men
working to the westward Fin backs &
Porpoises in sight Course E.N.E

Lat obs $40^{\circ}14'$ North

Long Chrs $39^{\circ}27'$ West

Tuesday June 18th

Light breeze cloudy 4 sails in sight
Saw Fin backs & Porpoises at dark
cloudy. Wind West. Changed the
course from E.N.E to S.E. Nothing
in sight. Raining & thick weather through
the Night latter part squally felled
the main sail & jib

Passed 2 Logs drift wood

Lat $40^{\circ}25'$ North

Long $37^{\circ}37\frac{1}{2}'$ West

Obed Shearman Master

Wednesday June 19th / 61

Commenced with light breeze from N.W.
Course S.E. Set main top gallant sail
3 P.M. Saw a sail to the S.W.
6 P.M. Came to wind. Late tacks bore
through the night - ship heading S.E.
Latter part same saw 2 sails one
to the West & one to Eastward
employed making Rattling Stuffs

Lat Obs $40^{\circ}32'$ North

Long Obs $37^{\circ}07'$ West

Thursday June 20th

Light breeze cloudy weather Course
S.E. 2 sails in sight each making
Rattling Stuffs. at dark took in the
light sails. Some rain through the night
Latter part fine breeze from N.W.E
steering by the wind & W.E green
water for about 2 miles then blue again
Saw one sail standing to the Westward

Lat Obs $41^{\circ}15'$ North

Long Obs $35^{\circ}45'$ West

Friday June 21st

Commenced with fine breeze from
N.W.E. Course S.E. Saw 2 tinbacks
& porpoises. Employed fitting minding
machine &c mid night winds shifted
to the West North West At daylight breezing
strong. Some foggy and rain

Lat $43^{\circ}15'$ North

Long $33^{\circ}56'$ West

Saturday June 22nd

Strong breeze from N.W. Course East
4 P.M. took in the light sails & reef topsails
Through the night squally steering by the
wind to N.E. at daylight saw bark steer-
ing to the East foggy Lat Obs $44^{\circ}15'$ N
Long Obs $34^{\circ}09'$ W

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Remarks Sunday June 23rd / 61

Commenced with thick foggy weather
2 P.M. Clear saw 2 Sails to the NW
Winds from WNW light. made some
Sail & Sundown took in the light
Sails kept the topsails. 7 A.M. made Sail
steered East quite fine weather 11 Saw a
Sail to the SE Saw Porpoise

Lat 45° 25' North

Long 33° 24' West

Monday June 24th

Commenced fine with Pleasant breeze
from Westward at one P.M. spoke
Bark P.D. Chase of Beverly Capt
Hamblin 14 months out 190 Bbls oil
Capt came on Board saw the Ship
Sharon of Bath 4 P.M. thick fog
gave up the gun. at Sundown
Shortened Sail heading N.W.
Middle & latter parts thick fog &
Rain squalls Passed 3 Sails heading
to Eastward

Lat No Observation

Tuesday June 25th

Commenced with thick foggy weather
Some rain. Steering to the South
Bad Whaling weather Cannot see
more than 4 Ships length most of the time
Latter part Strong breezes from WNW
thick fog most of the time made
some Sail 8 A.M. saw a Schooner
heading to the N.W. all sail out

Lat 45° 05' North

Long 32 21 West

Obed. Shearman, Master

Wednesday June 26th 1861

Commences with thick foggy weather
Wind strong from WNW Course North
Double reef top sails & courses. Through the
Night thick fog 10 AM clear, Wind hauling
to the SW. Course S by E

Lat obs 45-00 North

Long Chr 32 30 West

Thursday June 27th

Pleasant breezes & fine weather Course
from noon to 7 PM ENE then NNE
Wind SSW took in sail for the night
Struck a Porpoise & lost him drew the iron
Winds increased through the Night
Latter part strong breeze & thick
Weather saw several sail. Course East

Lat obs 46-30 North

Long Chr 31-00 W.

Friday June 28th

Strong breezes from SW thick weather
Some rain one clock PM Double Reef the
Top sails. Steering ESE. Saw Porpoises
Several Merchant men in sight
at sundown wore ship to W by N.
Latter part steering SE by E by the winds
Caught a Porpoise some foggy

Lat obs 46-36 North

Long Chr 29-30 West

Saturday June 29th

Pleasant Breeze from the South thick fog squag
Clear between Squalls saw finbacks and one sail
Course ESE at 6 PM took a ship to the
Westward at 7 PM boarded a Boat & Boarded
Merchant Bark Maria. Motion. of South
Hampton, 13 days from N York, bound to
Antwerp, got a few News Papers. Through
the night & latter part standing to Eastward
saw finbacks & porpoises

Lat 46-52 Long 27-35

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

✓ Sunday June 30th 1861

This day commences with thick fog. Squalls
light breezes from SSW at 3 PM. Lowered
Stable Boat & picked up a Spar or Square stick
of timber took it to the Bark & hove it in
Measured 72 feet long, & 16 inches square
Yellow Pine. Sound wood Cut it into 8
sticks and put it down below
Saw Plenty Porpoises & Birds Caught 2 por-
poise, ship heading to ESE & SE.
mid night tacked ship to SW. After
Port steering WNW Caught a
Porpoise, Got a Lunar observation
Lat $46^{\circ}43'$ North
Long Chro $28^{\circ}20'$ West
Time by Lunar

Monday July 1st 61

Pleasant breezes & fine weather
Saw 2 Sails steering to the Eastward
Bark heading WNW Winds SW
at dusk tacked to the South took
the light sails & reefed fore top sails
Mid & latter part heading S by E
Winds S by W saw several sails
Lat obs. $46^{\circ}12'$ North
Long Chro $27^{\circ}34'$ W

Tuesday July 2nd

Pleasant breezes fine weather ship heading
SSE. Winds SW. mid night tacked
ship to the NW. daylight wore ship
to South by East 9 AM spoke ship
Comtest of New Bedford, Capt. Come
Board, left at 10 clock. gave him a log
for Poles saw 2 merchant men
heading to the South remainder of the day
Lat obs. $45^{\circ}22'$ North
Long Chro $26^{\circ}04'$ West

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Obed Shearman Master,

Wednesday July 3^d - 1861

Squally & strong breeze from WSW Bore heading
SE by E. 2 P.M. took in main top gallant sail & flying
jib. Dork reefed the top sail & tacked ship to
the NW saw Porpoises Latter Part Light gale
from westward thick weather took in fore topsail.
To Obs this noon

Long Chr 46° 44' West

Thursday July 4th / 61

Light gale from westward and hauling to
the North 3 P.M. wind N by N tacked
to the westward Put Boats on uper cranes
saw 2 sails heading to westward with all
sail out set fore topsail through the
Right & Latter part heading W by South
Strong breeze saw several sail
saw Hump backs

Lat 44° 37' N

Long 29° 30' W

Friday July 5th

Strong breeze from NNW steering
by the wind to the westward Double
reef Top sails & courses at sundown
Tacked ship to the NE At 9^h 30 P.M.
Observed the altitude of a Comet which
has been in sight several nights Bearing
by compass North Altitude 42° 33' Shines
very bright with a Tail 15 degrees long
steering to the Eastward through the
Right Latter Part heading to the West
saw a ship heading to the NE
under top sails & courses Strong
breeze Rough sea

Lat obs 44° 30' N

Long Chr 28° 30' West

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Saturday July 6th 1861

Strong breezes from N.W. Ship
heading W. Bad Sea running one sail in
sight. at 2 P.M. at Dark made some sail
Midnight tacked ship to the N.N.E.

Later part foggy. heading to the North
Lat obs 44-41 North
Long Chr. 29-40 W.

Sunday July 7th

Commences with strong breezes from
N.W. Rain squalls. Ship heading N.
3 P.M. more moderate made some sail
& saw Blackfish. Took in light sail
at Dark. Midnight blowing strong
Reeft Top sails. Later part calm
looked for Blackfish did not see
them from the boats

Lat obs 45-47 North
Long Chr 29-47 West

Monday July 8th

Calm 4 P.M. lowered a boat
& tried the current. found it
running East 12 miles in 24 hours
Cloudy weather thick. Considerable Sea
Through the night & later part
Calm saw one sail to the South
saw Linbacks & Grampasses, filled 5 C
with salt water

Lat 45-35 N
Long 29-28 E

Tuesday June 9th

Very light airs from N.W. Ship heading
North. Crew employed fitting Casks and
Setting up Boobies. 9 C one sail in
sight to the South. Middle & later
part light baffling winds saw one
sail. Linbacks & Porpoises

Lat 46-03 N
Long 30-00 W

Chief Shearman Master

Wednesday June 10th 1861

Light-mercable breezes and Calms
Making our Best Way westward, Slow
getting along Nothing here at Present
Worth catching Saw 2 Sails. Latter Port
Wind & Weather about the same 2 Sails in
sight Grampases & Porpoises Crew Supply
Overhauling Blocks Brace Pendants &
Gifts Lat $45^{\circ} 50'$ North
Long $30^{\circ} 57'$ West

Thursday July 11th

Commenced with Light Baffling Winds
Cloudy. Saw a ship heading to the Eastward
3-30 PM passed a Topgallant mast with
the head broken off. Course West
Saw grampases & Porpoises. Mid & Latter
Port light breezes from NW ship heading
WSW Saw Blackfin

No observation

Friday July 12th

Light breezes from NW by N ship
heading to the WSW Saw 3 merchant
ships, & 3 Whale men gamming at
Sun down. Steering by the wind to
the Westward through the night and
Latter Port - Saw 5 Sails

Lat Obs $43^{\circ} 56'$ North
Long Obs $33^{\circ} 58' 45''$
Lunar $47^{\circ} 00' 15''$

Saturday July 13th

Light breezes from North steering to
the Westward 5 Sails in sight - saw
Fin. backs Middle & Latter ports
Light breezes from North steering to
the Westward fine weather
Saw Fin. backs Grampases &
Porpoises 6 Sails in sight

Lat $43^{\circ} 29'$ N Long $35^{\circ} 36'$ W

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Sunday July 14th/61

Coon breezes with light breezes
from NNE Course West
Saw Finbacks Grampasses & Porpoises
& Sails in sight At Daylight Saw
White water to the NNE & run for
it until noon Saw Blackfish Set
Signal for a merchant man English

Lat 43-12 South

Long 36-36 West

Monday July 15th

Very light breezes Baffling steering
At 2 PM Spoke Bark Ocean
of Sandwich Captⁿ Cornell 22 m
out 800 Bbls Sperm Grapt Bark with
150 Bbls Captⁿs came on Board &
Stayed until Night Latter Part
Calm Saw Finbacks & several
in sight

Lat 43-03 N

Long 36-38 West

Tuesday July 16th/61

Very light Baffling air smooth sea
2 PM Captⁿ Shearman took some
Letters on Board Bark Ocean Captⁿ
Cornell for home got some Boat
Boards Bot a Pig of Captⁿ Fisher
of the Grapt through the Night
steering to South East Latter Part
same Several Sails in sight

Lat 42-56 South

Long 35-00 West

Wednesday July 17th

fine breeze from NNE steering Eastward
Saw Killas, 6 Sails in sight dark trees
in light Sails Latter Part steering to the
South Several Sails in sight & Finbacks

Lat 43-03 N

Long 34-05

Obed Shearman Master

Thursday July 18th/61

Commenced with light breezes from WNW fine
 weather. Course by the wind SW. 4 PM Landed
 3 Boats for killers to the windward. Thought
 them Whales. Saw a Bark hauled aback
 to Leeward & Boarded him to see what
 was wanted. Barque Richard Cobden of Liver-
 pool from Ryab to Liverpool 140 days
 short of provisions. But got supplied by Barque
 Gene of London from Rangoon to London
 out 120 days. Saw 2 Whalesmen to windward.
 Latter Part Strong breeze Ship heading S.W. & S
 2 Whalesmen in sight

Lat. 41-51 S
 Long 33-20 W

Friday July 19th

Commenced with strong breezes from W
 & WNW. Steering to the South Spoke
 Bark Ocean of Sandwich Reef to day
 Saw White Water did not make it out.
 Rain Squally Rough Sea took in fore
 Topsail. heading N.E. through the night
 Latter part Wind North Steering to the West
 Saw several sails

Lat 41-38 North
 Long 33-11 West

Saturday July 20th

light breezes fine weather Course SSW.
 Winds NW. Saw several sails & Porpoises
 at 5 PM Spoke Bark Ocean Capt.
 Cornell came on Board to Supper
 Latter Part heading SW all sail
 out Spoke Schooner Watchman of
 Nantucket Capt. Hussey 7 months out
 350 Bbls. Capt. came on Board a few
 minutes to get the Petrel Bound to
 the Easter end

Lat 40-42 North
 Long 33-20 West

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Sunday July 21st / 61

Fresh breezes from WNW rough sea
Ship heading North saw 2 sails & passed
at dusk took in sail as was on whaling
ground daylight made sail heading N
7 clock tacked to the SW saw several
Exchanged signals with an American
merchant ship Lat 41° 38' North
Long 33° 54' West

Monday July 22nd

Pleasant breezes from WNW hazy
weather ship heading to the SW took
in sail at dusk wore ship at
daylight to the NNE & run off
to the NNE Rough sea
Lat 40° 58' North
Long 33° 42' West

Tuesday July 23rd

Clear breezes with strong breezes
from NW by W ship heading
North run over double reef top
& courses through the night wind
WNW ship heading NNE Letter
Port the same at noon picked
up Bl Flour took in main sail
Libb & Spanker Lat 42° 11' North
Long 34° 55' West

Wednesday July 24th

Strong breezes from WNW
and hauled to the WSW blew
quite strong gale Port ship under
close reef top sail & reef fore sail
Bored on Hatch & made all snug
Mid night wind hauled to the
North commenced to rain took
up the Boats wore ship to the West
Porter port clear, heading westward
one sail in sight

Obed Shearman, Master.

Thursday July 25th, 1861.

Strong breezes from North ship heading W.
4 P.M. Spoke Bark John Dawson of New Bedford
Capt John Cornell 24 months out - 1950 bbb

5 Spoke Bark Ocean of New Bedford
Capt. came on board for Letter

Calm through the night Letter put
Strong gale from Westward Put ship
under small sail Saw 3 Sails under
Short sail

Lat 42 = 19 North

Long 36 = 25 West

Friday July 26th

Fresh gales from westward ship under
Double reef main top sail & Fore sail
reef, Saw John Dawson & Ocean to the
Eastward, 5 P.M. heading North Green
Clock began to moderate wind hauling
to the North day light quite moderate
Set courses gibs & Spanker 10 A.M. turned
out the Reefs & Set main top gallant
sail Saw several Sails.

Lat obs 42 = 39 North

Long Obs 37 = 08 West

Saturday July 27th

Commences with moderate breezes from
the North, fine weather 4 P.M. wind N.W.
Strong, Saw several Sails steering to the
Eastward, dark heading W by S.

Winds very light & variable through the Night
day light winds light from S.S.W. ship
heading W by North 3 Sails in sight, Winds increas-
ing took in the Light Sails, Noon took
in gibs Main sail & Spanker Double Reef
the top sails thick weather

Lat obs 42 = 01 North

Long Obs 38 70 West

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford
Sunday July 28th 1861

Strong gales & Rain squalls Put the bark
on upper craning 4 P.M. Wind West very
heavy squalls of rain took in fore seal
& fore topsail, close reefed main top
Bark for hotchy made all snug 5 P.M.
Wind hauled suddenly to the North
Wore ship to the westward head beat
Latter part more moderate wore
ship to the Eastward made so
sail in company with Bark
John Dawson

Lat obs $41^{\circ} 57'$ North
Long Obs $37^{\circ} 11'$ West

Monday July 29th

Strong breezes from NNE fine weather
Ship heading East under double reef
Topsails Courses gills & Spanker in company
with Bark John Dawson & other sails
in sight from mast heads 5 P.M. came
with Bark John Dawson Latter
part standing to the Westward
with the wind North

Lat obs $41^{\circ} 40'$ North
Long Obs $37^{\circ} 44'$ West

Tuesday July 30th

light breezes from the North 4 P.M. from
the West Ship heading South with
fine weather saw Porpoises once
Employed repairing lub Buret
7 P.M. tacked ship to the North
Latter part light breezes from North
Ship heading westward

Lat obs $41^{\circ} 33'$ North
Long Obs $37^{\circ} 46'$ West

Obed Shearman Master

Wednesday July 31st 1861.

Commenced with light breezes WNW.
Bark heading SW by W. 7 P.M. wore ship to
the North one Brig in sight heading East
at mid night heavy squalls of wind &
Rain from the westward & continued
until after day light 7 A.M. Saw a
Bark to the Westward with main top galley
mast gone steering ESE at 11³⁰ A.M.
Spoke & sent Boat on Board Bark
Lion of Rockland, Captⁿ Foster,
from New York 15 days, bound
to Lisbon & got some Papers
Noon Bark heading westward

Lat 41² 43³ N

Long 38² 03 W

Thursday August 1st

Commenced with light squalls
& moderate breezes from the westward
& Northward Ship heading South West
under double reef top sails
Midle Port light breeze from
the North & after Port Calm
got out fresh water &c

Lat 41¹ 11 North

Long 39¹ 03 West

Friday Aug 2nd

Calm & Pleasant see other Nothing
in sight & after Port fine breeze
from WSW steering North
Saw 3 unspers

Lat 42² 29 North

Long 40¹ 09 West

Boat Lafayette of New Bedford
Saturday Aug 3^d / 61
Moderate breeze from N.W.
Course North dark Shorttrel
Sail heading N.W. Midnight
Winds N.W. Letter Steering
E.S.E. Saw Killers Grampas
& Porpoises Lat 43-56 N
Long 39-40 W.

Sunday August 4th
Commenced with strong breeze from
N.W. Course E.N.E. Saw Porpoises
5 P.M. saw one ship steering to the N.E.
at dark took in sail, heading
N.S.W. through the night Letter
Port steering E.S.E. Saw one
Boat supposed it to be the John
Lawson Lat 44-10 North
Long 37-38 West.

Monday Aug 5th
Pleasant breeze and hazy weather
from Noon untill 3 P.M. Course
E.S.E. then untill dark N.S.W.
Exchanged Signals with the Brig
John of Christiana Bound East
Passed a small Schooner some
time heading to the N.W., dark
Shorttrel Sail & wore ship to the
N.W. Squally through the night
Letter Port thick weather, heading
N.S.W. Saw several sails

Lat 44-00 North
Long 37-50 West

Obed Shearman Master

Tuesday August 6th 1861

Corn men es with light breeze from
N.W. heavy sea on course to the S.W.
saw several sails heading to the Eastward
At dark took in sail heading S.W. through
the night - Strong breeze Letter port the same
Noon took in mainsail & gill

Lat 42° 44' North
Long 37° 30' West

Wednesday August 7th

Strong breezes & thick weather from
N.W. Course S.W. by S. At dark wore
ship to the North. Mid night wind
N. by S. W. Blowing strong Letter
Port took in fore topsail saw one
Boat steering East

Lat 43° 20' North
Long 38° 12' West

Thursday Aug 8th 1861

Corn men es with strong gales
from N.W. Plenty Rain heavy sea
Ship heading N.W. under small
sail. Much Rain through the
night Barometer low 29.4
At day light wore ship to the S.W. winds
N.W. Made some sail Caught
a Dolphin. Saw a sail to the Eastward
& at gill & Mainsail at 10 AM
Noon quite moderate

Lat 43° 32' North
Long 38° 45' West

Bark La Fayette of New Bedford

Friday August 9th

Commenced with strong Whales
Breezes from the westward Large Sea
Ship heading N.S.W. men top
to sail out Saw Porpoises, and
one Ship steering Eastward.

Through the Night steering S.W.
Passed a Schooner at mid night - run off
keep clear of her Latter part more
moderate heading N.S.W. by the wind
Saw a Ship & Bark to westward latter

Lat obs 42° 09' North

Long Chr 38° 50' West

Saturday Aug 10th

Commenced with moderate breezes
from Westward Large Sea.

At 2 P.M. wore Ship from N.S.W. to
N.W. by North 2 Whale men in sight

At 6 P.M. arrived with Bark
Tropic Bird and Ship Captain
of New Bedford steering N.W.

Through the Night 8 A.M. wind

Changed to the N.N.E. Course W.G.

Saw 3 Sail Lat 41° 50' North

Long 39° 48' West

Sunday Aug 11th

Commenced with Cloudy weather

Moderate breezes from North Ship head

N.N.W. 2 Whale men in sight to wind

ward Latter part light breeze from

N.E. Noon clear 2 Whale Ships

in sight to the Eastward

Plenty Shipgack round the ship

Lat obs 41° 05' North

Long Chr 41° 09' West

Obid, Shearman, Master

Saturday August 17th 1840

Strong Breezes from the North, hazy weather
steering to the Eastward saw several sails
through the night heading South Westerly
under Short Sail, at daylight got out
water & stowed down one Cask 240 gal
& 2 Bbls partly full, 9 A.M. spoke Briggs
Pavilion, Cannon, of Fairhaven under
small sail, Noon heading East.

Lat 40-20 North
Long 40-45 West

Sunday August 18th

Came on with moderate breezes N.E.
& cloudy weather Course E.S.E. made some
sail gill mainsail & spanker took in
main sail at dark, wore ship under double
sail topsails gill foresail & spanker.
Saw one sail caught Bbl. Albee shore.
through the night steering to the North
Strong breezes took in gill & spanker
After dark moderate gale from
S.E. cloudy weather

Lat 41-13 North
Long 40-49 West

Monday Aug 19th

Moderate gales from S.E. ship head
ing E.N.E. cloudy weather saw
one sail through the night & after
dark rising. winds variable large
sea 11 A.M. cleared away.
Noon fine weather Large sea
saw 2 whale men to the Eastward
took down a boat from over head
to fit for Stabour cruises

Lat 42-03 North
Long 41-00 West

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Tuesday August 20th

Come men es with fine weather
& Keerly calm with a bad sea
At 2 P.M. Saw Ship Contest &
Bark Tropic Bird Chaceing
Sperm. Whales We lowered 3 Boats
But did not see them from the
Boats Contest took one
Sunset took up the Boats
I hoisted Sail & Steered N.E.
E 1/2 E. Letter part light air
& Cloudy weather. Employed
Repairing Boats Saw
3 Seals

Lat 42-24 N
Long.

Wednesday Aug 21

Rainy with light breeze from
W. to W. S. W. Bark heading N.W.
Clark took in sail for the night
Winds changed to the North
Letter part Rainy Winds N.W.
Saw 2 Seals

Lat 42-29 N.
Long 40-08 W.

Thursday Aug 22nd

Come men es with rain Squalls
from N.W. Ship heading W. S. W.
under short sail Letter
part Winds S.E. rainy Steered
N.W. Saw one Seal Noon
Strong Gales from East
No Observation

O'beel. J. S. Garmann. Master

Friday August 23^d

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Commenced with strong gales from
East course SW at 3 P.M. Left to
under close reef - main topsail
Winds hawling to the NE Boree down
the hatches Bad Sea all. Smug for Night
through the night & latter part strong
breezes & rainy weather Saw 2 Sails

Latitude 41-33 N.

Long Ch^o 40-30 W.

Saturday Aug 24th

Strong breezes from SSE hazy we-
ather. Steering NE & East.
Saw 5 Sails at dark took in Sail
& wore ship to the SW by S.

Exchanged Signals with an
American merchant Bark steering
East through the Night course S.W.
at 6 A.M. Spoke Bark Tropic bird
from 6 untill noon course NE

Lat. obs 42° 11 North

Long Ch^o 39-45 West

Sunday August 25th

Strong breezes from SSE bad Sea. Course
SW 4 P.M. Captm Went Board Bark
Tropic bird in company with Norton
from Contact dark gale up gale
& stood to Eastward. Latter part
heading N.W. Saw 3 Sails

Exchanged Signals with an
English Bark steering to the East

Lat obs 41-38 North

Long Ch^o 39-40 W.

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford
Monday August 26th / 61

Light Pleasant breezes & fine weather
the winds about S S E Course
North 3 Sails in sight - 4 P.M.
gave chase with Ship Contest
Bark Tropic Bird & Schooner
Emerald Capt. Bud worth the
Latter Boilling a Sperm Whale
caught 2 days previous
Shortly after dark gave up the chase
Latter part winds hauling to
the S W & Brezing on
Bark heading N. W. with
all necessary gear out
Saw several Sails

Lat 41-58 N.
Long 40 38 W.

Tuesday August 27th

Strong breezes from S.W. Ship
heading N. N. W. 2 Sails in sight
through the night Squally & variable
Winds. At day light set double
reeft top sails heading N.W.
So ends strong breezes from N.W.

Lat 41-25 N.
Long 39-39 W.

Wednesday Aug 28th

Begins with strong breezes from
Westward & Squally at dark
took in sail heading to the
Eastward strong breezes through
the night at 6 A.M. made sail
& sailed North saw 2 Whales
one of them Boilling

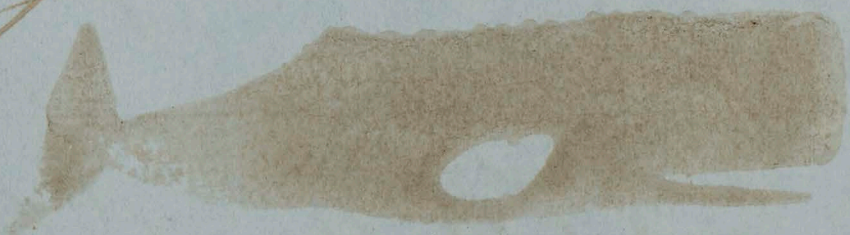
Lat 41-34 N.
Long 40-27 W.

Obedt Shearman Master

Thursday August 29th 1861

Commenced with strong breezes from
SSE, fine weather. Late Ship Contest
to the Eastward Boiling, & Bork Tropic
birel to SE Steering NW. Bork heading
North at 4 P.M. Saw Sperm Whales
to the West North West 5 miles off run down
within 2 miles & lowered the 3 Boats
Lost Boat struck a large whale

the S'tabard & West Boats struck same
whale turned him up & took him
to the Ship at dusk Put on large
Fluke Chane & Rope Strong breeze
took in fore topsail & close reefed main
Ship Contest heavy at dusk Boiling
through the Night which wind increasing
to strong gale at day light hooked down
Revised a piece and took the galls
dangerous cutting rose an entry fall to
the Blanket piece and gave up cutting
Slacked out chane & fluke rope
heavy squalls & with large sea.
No observation



Friday August 30th

Strong gales from Westward At 2 P.M.
Broke out horse Pipe Chock. (Fluke
Chock). got it in and secured with a
spar from Scuttle, then spiked it solid
6 P.M. Pipe broke in the Chock. Chain
Cutting ball same time main top sail, shot
postee furled him & set main spencer, took
in fore top mast stay sail, lashed the Lee
Boats solid, & P.M. Whale striking heavy
against the Ship. Cut off Fluke Chain &
Pipes let the whale go. 2 A.M. lost Bow
Boat & drove it, & Ship set a sea store gang-
way took a large quantity in to the Cabin

Barck Lafayette of New Bedford

Friday Aug 30 1861 Continued
Called all hands at 4 & set main top sail
& fore topmast stay sail Latter part
cleared the rack and unree cutting gear
Winds from N.W. and rather more
moderate. Large sea breaks considerable
Saw a Brig under small sail heading
N.N.E.

Lat obs $42^{\circ} 30'$

Long Obs $38^{\circ} 57'$

Saturday Aug 31st

Strong breezes from N.W. on P.M.
Wore ship to N.N.E. & set the fore sail
Busy employed repairing damages
finished a New Gangway Board &c
Very large sea from the North
3 A.M. Wore ship to the S.W. set fore
top sail Latter part Repairing Fluke
Chock & Boiling Jaw Oil.

Lat Obs $43^{\circ} 12'$ North

Long Obs $39^{\circ} 15'$ West

Sunday September 1st 1861

Strong breezes from S.W. Ship heading
to the N.W. Finished repairing
Fluke Chock at dark Reeft the fore
Sail, one sail in sight. Saw Black
through the night. Winds strong & variable
with much rain Ship heading N.W.
Latter part Strong Gale Wore ship
to the S.W. Saw one sail

Lat obs $43^{\circ} 10'$ North

Long Obs $39^{\circ} 44'$ West

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Obed Sheeraman Master
Monday September 2nd / 61

Strong gales from West Ship heading
heading S.W. under small sail
Caught a Dolphin, large Sea running.
Bad weather for Whaling, 4 PM took
in the fore sail cloudy. through the
Night raining at Day light made
some sail more moderate 10 AM
Blowing strong ported gills Pendants
Lat Obs 43° 03' North
Long Obs 39° 55' West

Tuesday September 3rd
Commenced with strong breezes
Ship under close reefed top sails &
courses heading N. E. W. Bofling
Wind hazy Set the gills at 2 PM
Dark took in sail heading North
Raining at midnight 3 AM wore
Ship to the North West & took in the
fore sail
Lat Obs 43° 44' N.
Long Obs 40° 48' West

Wednesday Sept^r 4th
Strong breeze from West North West Ship
heading S.W. Double reefed top sails
3 PM squally rain squalls through
the night, under short sail
Porter port steering S E by E
Set up Bobstays & fitted spirit
sail yard
Lat Obs 42° 34' N
Long Obs 40° 16' W

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford
Thursday Sept^r 5th 1861
Commences with strong breezes
and fine weather. Winds N
Course N E by E 4 P.M. Course E.
At dark took in sail heading N E. Winds
N.N.W. latter part same. Lat obs $42^{\circ}52'$ North
Long Obs $39^{\circ}38'$ West

Friday September 6th 1861.
This day Commences fine & Pleasant breezes
from W.S.W. Crew employed mending
sails & fitting rigging &c. Courses E & N by E
At dark shortened sail heading N.
Latter part Pleasant breezes & fine
Weather Course South. Saw one sail
heading E. Crew employed making
spungyarn

Lat obs $41^{\circ}53'$ N
Long Obs $37^{\circ}48'$ W

Saturday Sept^r 7th
Commences with fine weather
& Pleasant breezes from W.S.W.
Course N by Compass double topsail
fore sail and gill. employed
making spungyarn. At dark
took in gill & fore topsail
Latter part Pleasant. heading
N.N.W. Saw a Brig. Staring S.E.
making spungyarn &c

Lat $41^{\circ}58'$ N
Long $37^{\circ}58'$ W

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Obeel. Shearman, Master
Sunday September 8th 1861

Light breezes from the N at dark took in
Sail and tacked ship to the Westward
Nere by calm through the Night Latter
part light breezes from Eastward & hauling
to the South Course NW. Saw one Sail
Noon Wind SE

Lat $42^{\circ}12'$ North
Long Chro $38^{\circ}10'$ West

Monday September 9th 1861

✓ Stiff breeze from South Course N.W.
2 Sails Standing to the Eastward.
6 PM run to the NNE for breeches did not
see them again Close reef the topsails
& fore sail came to wind heading
NW winds W.S.W. Cloudy & some rain
Saw large quantities gulf weed. Temperature
Water $71^{\circ}00'$ Air $68^{\circ}00'$ Raining through
the Night Latter part winds N
Cloudy Saw one Brig

Lat obs $42^{\circ}50'$ North
Long Chro $39^{\circ}50'$ West

Tuesday Sept^r 10th

Strong breezes from N Cloudy weather
rough sea, Course West Saw jimpies
dark took in all but close reef main
Top sail & fore top mast stay sail
Latter part light breezes from N.W.
7 AM saw sperm Whales low area
3 Boats went out struck & got one
Starboard & Larboard boats struck same
whale Lab Boat got store took the
Whale to the Ship at noon Whales in sight
to windward

Lat obs $42^{\circ}30'$ N
Long Chro $40^{\circ}30'$ W

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford
Wednesday Sept^r 11, 1861.

Commenced with fine weather & calm
1 P.M. commenced cutting finish head
cutting & cleared the case at 8
got supper set the watch close ^{rest} main
top sail & took in the fore one
strong breeze from the S commenced
boiling head. Latter part worked
gales from W.S.W. & heavy rain
stopped boiling put on Cabase cover
several times rigged lower studd
sail to keep off the rain. Noon
Pleasant strong gale.

Left obs 49¹/₄° N
Long 40-48 W

Thursday Sept^r 12th

Commenced with moderate gales
from W.S.W. rigged weather
boiling small pots of head 5 P.M.
finished boiling head & cooled down
Plenty rain & wind large sea
& wind hauled to the North boats
on the upper cleaves & lashed down
watch in blue room at work
Midnight more moderate commenced
boiling the body Latter part
rigged & some rain Barometer
low & every appearance of a gale
getting ready to run down
the sheet oil & boiling body
winds E.N.E.
No observation.

Obed Shearman Master
Friday Sept^r 13th 61.

Commenced with light gales from
Eastward with every appearance of
a heavy one rainy weather
Run down 14 bbls head oil into
2 ground tier cask & stowed one
cask in the Blue room, got every
thing down that we could.

Spree a spare sail over the works
so that we could boil heavy rain
from 3 to 7 P.M. when we finished
boiling, & made all snug as possible
wind increasing to a strong gale
at midnight & continued through the
day. Barometer 29ⁱⁿ
Winds East, & some heavy rain squalls.

Saturday Sept^r 14th

Strong Gale from East & squalls of
Rain Ship lying with head to
the N under close reefed main Top sail
& fore top mast stay sail. Very large
rough sea seems to run from all ways.

Barometer Rising fast. Through
the night more moderate set fore sail
Patter. Part light breezes & squally
& at 4th toward Breeze & went on
Board Ship Constance of Charlebourg
from Havana Cuba Bound to
Belle Isle for orders. Went after Papers
did not get them. Watch employed
Pumping salt water off the ground tier
Cask to fill with oil. Sold 2 Sails

Lat obs 43° 17' North
Long obs 40 44 West

Brig Lafayette of New Bedford

Sunday September 15th 1841

Room light breezes & changed from
E to S.W. Crew employed stowing
down oil run down 26 bbls in the
fore hold coopers the casks &c.
3 P.M. raised a dead whale
to the S.S.E 6 miles off run down
& lowered stable boat & went to
him it proved to be the same
whale we lost 15 days before
13 miles from where we lost
him North Course. The upper
part of the head. Part of the blubber
& the small was all that was left.
The Fluke Chain & rope hung to
the small which we saved by running
the ship along side & cutting off
at dark took in said heading &
utter part strong gale from
N.W. Course N. by W. rough Sea

Lat Ob 42° 17' N.
Long Obs 39° 41' W.

Monday Sept 16th

Moderate gale from N.W. Course
S.S.W. Double Topsails deck took
in sail heading ^{west} to the westward
utter Port light breezes & cloudy
ship heading West. Repairing Spars
saw 2 schools Porpoises

Lat Ob 41° 14' North
Long Obs 39° 35' West

Obed. I Shearman, Master,

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Tuesday September 17th 61.

Commenced with light breezes & cloudy
weather ship heading W.S.W. Wind N.W.
finished repairing Spanker & mizzen top
staysail. dark took in sea & wore
ship to the N Wind W.N.W. Mid night
Wind S.W. Strong gale furled fore top sail
Putter port - Strong gale took in fore
sail & Put on the hatch bars
Heading West by North Cloudy.
No observation

Wednesday September 18th

Commenced with strong gales from
W.S.W. large sea on ship heading
N.W. 3 P.M. wore ship to the S.W.
heavy squalls from W.N.W. some rain
took craft out the Baets through
Night heading S.W. by W. Putter Port
quite moderate breezes from N. made
sail & steeled S.W. saw a Brig
heading N.E.

Lat obs 40° 27' N
Long Obs 40° 29' W

Thursday Sept 19th

Moderate breezes from Northward
course S.W. 5 1/2 P.M. exchanged
signals with french Bark Steering East
dark took in sea heading West
light breezes through the Night
& Putter Port variable saw 2 sails
repairing top sail yard yards.

Lat obs 39° 44' N.
Long Obs 40° 39' W.

Bank Lafayette of New Bedford

Friday Sept^r 20th / 61.

Com men ced with light & variable
breezes 2 sails in sight. at dark
Doubt reef the topsails, heading
N.E. Light was through the night
day light made sea heading N
30 A.M. saw a Sperm Whale
to the N.N.E. 7 Sloop 3 Boats
Went Boat struck and got him
Lab & Steer Boats struck the same
Whale. Some time killing him
shot 6 Bomb lances into him
Some of them exploded. took him
to the ship at noon



Lat obs $40^{\circ}30'$

Long Obs $40^{\circ}30'$

Saturday Sept^r 21st

Moderate breezes & fine weather
Com men ced cutting at 1 P.M.
took in the ease at sundown, got
it over board at 9 Cleared up
decks & Com men ced to Boil her
Letter Part Moderate breeze and
Large Swell. Barometer falling.
imp layer Boiling head.

Lat obs $40^{\circ}22' N$

Long Obs $40^{\circ}31' W$

Sunday Sept^r 22^d

Moderate breezes & fine weather
Ship heading S.S.E. Boiling
Letter part Wind S.W. Course
S.S.E. imp layer Boiling
So early fine weather

Lat $40^{\circ}17' N$

Long $41^{\circ}17' W$

Obed Sheenman Master

Thursday October 3^d 1861

Commenced with strong breezes from
N.W. rough sea & P.M. commenced
cutting got through at 8 P.M. took the
small whale in whole & squally through
the night & latter part same
one seal in sight Whaleman

Lat obs $42^{\circ}33' N$

Long Chro $42^{\circ}02' W$

Friday October 4th

Commenced with moderate breezes &
fine weather Ship heading N.W.W
under short sail Boiling

one ship in sight heading the same
At 6 P.M. got through Boiling

Headed N.E. night Calm Daylight
strong breezes from N.W. ship heading
westward 9 A.M. wore ship & took

in fore topsail 11 finished Boiling

quite a strong Gale from N.W.W.

Cloudy Weather

No observation

Saturday October 5th

Commenced with strong Gales from
N.W.W. Cloudy weather Ship heading
S under close reef Main Top sail
latter part heading North Stowing
down stowed about 30 Bbls of
guano. No gage marks on the casks
Strong gale saw one ship to
westward Several rain squalls

Lat $42^{\circ}37' N$

Long $41^{\circ}20' W$

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Sunday October 6th 1861

Commenced with strong gales from NW
& Squally Bark heading to NNE.
Close reefed main Top sail & Fore
Sail got out some Reef & Port
So. Mid & Letter parts strong
Gales with with squalls of Rain
At 10 AM wore ship to the NW
one merchant man in sight
under close reefed topsails

Lat Obs $43^{\circ}16' N.$
Long Obs $41^{\circ}15' West$

Monday October 7th

Commenced with strong gale
from NNE. Ship heading
NW under close reefed main
Top sail. Large Sea from NW
Letter part moderate breezes
At 10 AM lowered a Boat
& went on Board Schooner Cerule
of Port mouth England from
Pea com British America Bound
to Cadex in Spain Jago master
Soon fresh breeze from WNW
Cloudy No observation

Tuesday October 8th

fresh breezes & clouds Course S.W.
4 PM Saw a large Sperm Whale 3
miles off didn't lower for him
dark took in all but close reefed
Top sail. Mid & Letter parts strong
gales from WNW 9 AM saw
a school Sperm Whales going to the
Windward end

Lat $42^{\circ}46'$ Long 41°

Obed, Sherman, Master,

Wednesday October 9th 1861

Strong gale from the N by W ship
heaving W by N under small sail
large sea running. Bad weather for
whaling through the night some
latter part quite moderate made sail
saw Finbacks

Lat Obs 42 = 43 North

Long Obs 41 = 32 West

Thursday October 10th

Moderate breezes & fair weather at dark
Calm shorted sail for the night
latter part fresh breezes from the
North thick weather ship heaving
W by W saw one Brig standing
to the westward soon steered to
the S by E to leave the ground
No Observation

Friday October 11th

Commenced with fresh breezes
& thick weather in squalls from
the North At 1 P.M. raised sperm
Whales 11 1/2 miles to the East going
South. Lowered 3 Boats 3 P.M.
Lub Boat struck one. Stab & Warts
Boats struck the same whale
took him to the ship about 4 P.M.
rigged the gear & Commenced to cut
finished at 8 1/2 hours after dark
a Merchant ship run down at dark
within 1/4 mile & see that we were all
right & left again. Latter part rough
Boiling saw several seals

Lat obs 42 1/2 N

Long Obs 41 31 W



Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Saturday October 12th 1861

Strong breezes from NW Ship heaved
E & N under short sail. Boiling got
thorough with head at 4 P.M.

Clear strong breeze & cloudy rough sea

At 12 Clock at night strong gale &
heavy rain squalls. Cooled down the
works could not boil at 8 A.M.
Heavy gales from N.W. Put her
a way to the South & set fore sail
She runs nicely at noon set fore
Top sail close reefed heavy hail squalls

Lat obs 43° 16' North

Long Obs 70° 02' West

Sunday October 13th

Strong Gales from N.W. and
Plenty Hail Squalls. Running
South under Close reefed Top sails &
✓ fore sail. She runs well but takes
some water on deck. Biked up
with Blubber tops & casks rather
a greasy mess &c. Through the night
Winds weather & Course the same.
Letter port more moderate Course
N.E. Pumped off 2 casks salt
water & Pump down 3 casks oil.
Passed 3 merchant ships steering
to the Westward under short
sail. 2 of them without Main
Top sail. Had a light snow
squall & considerable rain

Lat Obs 41° 32' N
Long Obs 77° 28'

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Obed Shearman Master

Monday October 14th 1861

Strong breezes from NW. Course
ESE Noon commenced Boiling
on our remaining Blubber & finished
Boiling at 5 PM Stowed down tubs
& cleared up Decks through the Night
and latter part. Light breezes from West
Course ESE, run down 2 casks of oil
got out fresh water &c Cloudy weather
No observation

Tuesday October 15th

Commenced with moderate breezes from
the Westward Cloudy weather Course
ESE Working ship &c

Latter part light breezes from WNW
course the same saw Porpoise & Turtle
Killing a New Main Spencer

Lat obs 41° 12' N

Long Chro 24° 00' W

Wednesday October 16th

Commenced with light breezes from
WNW Course East - saw Porpoises
Bent a New Main Spencer

through the Night Course NSE by compass
very light Steered S by E hazy weather
saw a Brigg to the Eastward
heading NE with all sail out

Lat obs 40° 35' North

Long Chro 30° 35' West

Bark Lafayette of Astoria

Thursday October 17th 1861

Commenced with moderate breeze from North, hazy weather Course S^W by W. With all sail set, at dark took in light sails & gills, (Doubled reef the Top sails & Left to the westward heading West Foggy weather.

at day light made all sail & steered W^SW At 8 A.M. made Corvo Bearing S^W 8 miles 10. Run down between Corvo & Flores Captⁿ & third mates crew went on shore to Corvo & landed off & on at Corvo.

Left
Long

Friday Oct 18th

Strong breeze & foggy ship off & on at Corvo 4 P.M. Captⁿ & crew came on board with a shore boat & recruits The boat left to go on shore at 5 P.M. 5:30 spoke Bark A.R. Tucker Captⁿ Greenell came on board & gave up the gain & steered S^E by S For Fayal Strong breeze at 9 A.M. A.R. Tucker or said a large sperm whale lower her boats & the mate struck first we met with them & struck same whale & soon turned him up took him to the ship at noon Lafayette Breezed weather



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Obed Sherman Master

Saturday Oct 19th 1861

Strong breezes from North large
Sea 2 P.M. Commenced to cut
head bad luck on account of
rough weather Raised a piece
& took the gale at sundown
Lashed up for the Night
Capt. Greenell on Board, Saw Tonal
& a Whaling Brigg tore out Ring Bolt
& parted several lashings through
the Night Squally. Latter part rather
more moderate the mate of the
A. R. Tucker on Board helping Cut
got off the head &c

Sunday Oct 20th

Moderate breezes and rough Sea
Cutting at 7 deck Capt. Greenell came
on Board At 10 P.M. finished Cutting
& Baling Case 11 Commenced Boiling
Latter part moderate breezes from
Westward, in company with A. R. Tucker
Saw a stranger to windward
Tonal & Pico in sight to the SE
Lat 38-17 N

Monday Oct 21st

Strong breezes from NW & hauling
to the North Spoke the A. R. Tucker
at Sundown midnight Squally
Latter part Light variable Breezes
Employed Boiling Lat 38-12 N

Boat Lafayette of New Bedford
Tuesday Oct 22nd 1861

Commenced with light breeze from
Southward Ship heading S E Boiling
At 2 P.M. Boat A. P. Tucker saw whale
& shot the colors at mast head
We lowered Life & Work Boats
& Pulled to her 2 miles off
The Whales was going N W
4 P.M. Cleared away Starboard &
Went in pursuit of the Whales Could
not get fast at dark came on Board
& Commenced Boil again
Midnight strong breeze & squally
Latter Part Plenty rain squalls
& strong gale from N W
at 11 A.M. finished Boiling
No observation,

Wednesday October 23rd 1861

Strong breeze from N W & Rainy
12-30 P.M. Wind changed suddenly
to the N E strong with Plenty Rain
Said down Wind N W light. larger Sea
Capt. Grinnell came on Board from A. P. Tucker
& stayed a few minutes 7 P.M. wore Ship to
N N E. Latter part commenced
stowing down Oil Taken
In company with Boat
A. P. Tucker Capt. Grinnell
on Board finished stowing
at noon, stowed 14 Casks
Marked W/B & Numbered from
one to 14 to be divided at
Home Equely Between the 2 Ships

No observation,

Obed Shearman Master

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Thursday Oct 24th 1861

Commenced with moderate breezes
from NNE ship heading to the East
in company with Bark A. R. Tucker
Capt. Grinnell on Board. Crew employed
stowing empty casks washing decks &c
At sundown layal went bore South
20 miles through the Night light breezes
from NE daylight. Run down for the
Port Spoke George & Susan of
New Bedford. 10 A.M. Capt. & 2 Boats
Crews went on shore. Bent the cables &c
Pleasant weather Lying off and on
At layal so ends

Friday Oct 25th

Fine breezes & Pleasant weather
Ship Lying off and on at layal.
With 2 Boats on shore 2 P.M. Boats
Came on Board. 3 P.M. took Lunch
Load of Oil 17 Casks from ship
George & Susan 4 P.M. took 7 more
from the same ship all Branded on
the Head George & Susan. Lashed them
on Deck for the Night. Stale Boat
Went on shore for the Captain. Came
off at 7 P.M. Capt. & 2 Boats
& Grinnell Came on Board on Business.
Through the Night under easy sail to
the south of layal (daylight) commenced
to stow the oil taken from Geo. & Susan
stowed 24 Casks & got through at noon
Ship handy the Land in smooth water
removing the Land several sails in
sight

Lat 38-30 North
Long 28-50 West

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Saturday October 26th, 1861

Pleasant breezes & fine weather Ship
South of Fayal about 2 miles from
the Land All hands employed
stowing down empty cask Clearing
the Decks &c At dark Fayal
Beering E by N about 15 miles off
Winds N E, set the main sail,
2 sails in sight heading to the N W
through the night Letter port Light
breezes from N N E Saw 2 sails
Course W N W

Lat 38-34 N
Long 31-05 W

Sunday October 27th

Moderate breezes from North Ship
heading W N W Flores in
sight to the N N W 50 miles off
Light & variable breezes through the night
Letter port strong squalls from
N E Ship heading N W

Lat 38-16 N
Long 31-53 W

Monday October 28th

Commences with moderate breeze from
N N W. Course W by N all sail set
Middle Port - winds variable Letter Port
Winds South Course N W with all sail
Employed stowing blater in the
after hold to trim ship
Saw several sails steering to
the Eastward

Lat 38-30 North
Long 32-20 West

Obed Sherman Master

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Tuesday October 29th 1861
Fresh breezes from South Core NW
with all sail out. Vimp. voyaged stow
ing water to Trim Ship 2 Sails in
sight through the Night. Winds SSE
Course NW. Latter part Heavy Rain
Squalls from SE Course NW by W.
Saw one sail

Lat Obs 39 = 13 North
Long Obs 34 = 54 West

Wednesday October 30th
Strong breezes from ESE some
Rain Course WNW. Saw one
sail to the Eastward. at dark took
up the Boats & took in main Topgallant
& sail squally through the Night
Plenty Lightening Latter part
Winds same some rain

Lat Obs 39 = 20 North
Long Obs 38 = 45 West

Thursday October 31st
Strong breezes from East & squally
Course WNW. Main topgallant
sail set - Crew employed Trimming
Ship by the Stern
Through the Night & Latter part strong
breezes from E by N Course WNW
at Daylight passed a Topsail
 Schooner heading to the NNE
under short sail Pumped out
Fresh Water & filled Bats &
Run Salt Water in to the Casks

Lat Obs 38 = 20 North
Long Obs 42 = 52 West

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Friday October 1st, 1864.

Strong breezes from E by N Course
N.W. With all necessary sail
Set & P.M. passed a Bark
heading to the Northward
Squally through the Night
Latter part Wind ESE
Tugging Ship &c

Lat obs 39-27 N
Long Chro 46-42 W

Saturday Nov 1st

Strong breezes from ESE
large Sea on Course West
by Compass Employed making
Span Lines & other Ship's Duty
Squally through the Night &
Latter part Spliced Gills & Stay
& Repaired gill Noon Spoke
Spanish Rig Whos Long Reel 40° 00
Nine degrees out of his reckoning
did not understand where from
or for bound Went out of sight to
ENE

Lat Obs 38-30 North
Long Chro 49-45 West

Sunday Nov 3rd

Strong breezes & Squalls from Eastward
Course West by Compass Saw plenty
Gulf Weed & A.M. took a heavy Squall
from NE which changed the wind to
that quarter Blowing a heavy
gale from NE the remaining part of
the day Steering West under
Breeft top sails & Foresail Saw one Sail
Lat 38-00 N, Long 52-55 W

Obed Sherman Master
Monday Nov 4th 1861

Commences with strong gales from
N.E. and a heavy sea Course West
Under Close Reef topsails & fore sail
Middle & Little parts moderate breezes
& some Rain Course West saw plenty gulf
weed

Lat obs 37° 08' North

Long Obs 55° 20' West

Tuesday Nov 5th

Commences with light breezes
from East Cloudy weather & a
large sea running from E.N.E.
Course West by North Latter part
squally Went down fore sail to repair
finished repairing at Noon
Saw one seal to the S.E.

Lat obs 37° 30' North

Long Obs 55° 45' West

Wednesday Nov 6th

Commences with strong breezes from
W.N.W. Ship under close reef
topsails Bent the fore sail and
set it Saw plenty gulf weed
Ship heading S.W. At 8 P.M. squally
Called all hands & Put ship under
close reef Main topsail & staysail
Latter part more moderate but bent
Main sail to Repair finished
& Bent it at Noon, light breeze
& large sea

Lat obs 37° 45' N

Long Obs 57° 05' W

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Thursday Nov^m 7th 1861

Commenced with light breezes from West
& a large Sued Ship heading N.W.
Crew employed Breaking out Water &
Provisions at dark Pleasant Weather
Made all sail Wind increasing
from dark to 3 A.M. Put Ship
under Close Reef Topsail
Blowing a heavy Gale from
N.S.W. thick hazy weather
No Observation

Friday Nov^m 8th

Commenced with strong gales
from S.W. Thick hazy weather
& a large Sued Ship under
Close Reef Main Topsail &
Fore top mast Staysail Put on
Extra gaskets & Preventer Braces.
Barometer down to 29ⁱⁿ 15^h
Letter part strong gales from
Westward Won Ship to the South
Leat Obs 36-32 N
Long Chw 56-45 West

Saturday Nov^m 9th

Strong gales & squalls from N.W.
At dark Close Reef topsails & Cor
Ship heading S.W. Middle & Letter
parts rather more moderate
Ship heading up W by S 10 A.M.
Passed a Bark steering E.S.E.
Large Sued from the North

Leat Obs 35-18 N
Long Chw 58-00 W

Obed Sherman Meester

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Sunday Nov^r 10th 1861

Commenced with strong breezes from
NNW and large sea
Ship heading West under short
sail Set some sail during the
afternoon saw plenty kelp weed
Light breezes through the night
Later part wind changed to WSW
and backing strong by times
took in the light sails & reefed
the topsails

Lat obs $35^{\circ}24'N$
Long Obs $59^{\circ}15'W$

Monday November 11th

Commenced with strong breezes from
WSW & backing. Saw a big
steering ESE at dark took a
heavy squall from NW run South
until we got all sail in then
came to the wind parted in
Bobstay & started lining cloths on
the topsails & squally through the
night Later part strong Gale from
NNW & it too Bobstay & topsails

Lat obs $35^{\circ}48'N$
Long Obs $60^{\circ}03'W$

Tuesday Nov^r 12th

Strong gales from NNW. Ship
heading West Close reefed topsails &
courses through the night wind
variable Later part SW by W
Ship heading to the NW
Scraping off clams & washing ship
At 10 AM & squally close reefed the
topsails

Lat $35^{\circ}36'N$
Long $60^{\circ}47'W$

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Wednesday November 13th / 61

At Noon Winds Changed suddenly
from WSW to NW, and blowing
a strong gale bore ship to WSW
and made all snug. Bored the hatch
Midle & Latter Parts Continuing
very strong gale and Tremendous
squalls. Goose wing main top sail
set. Ship heads from WSW to SSW
takes considerable water on deck

Lat 34° 30' N

Long 60° 35' W

Thursday Novm 14th / 61

Strong gale & very heavy squalls from
NW ship under very snug sail
and heads WSW to SSW.

Keeps the back on the wave to dodge the
sprays. Sea Large, Sun shines by
times throughout the Day through
the Night & Latter parts Latter
more moderate made some
sail

Lat 34° 09' N

Long 59° 44' W

Friday Novm 15th

Commences with strong gales
from WNW. Ship under small
sail heading to the North
Mid night - Wind changed to
SW heel several squalls some
lightning & thunder Latter
part strong breeze Course WNW
Saw one Serpent at noon.

Lat 34° 55' N

Long 60° 36' W

Obed Shearman Master

Saturday November 16th 1861

Commenced with strong breezes from
SW Ship heading NW thick
weather Saw 2 Brigs Steaming to the
North 3-30 P.M. took in gill & Spanker
and close reefed the Top sails

4 P.M. took in Fore topsails and
hove to heading NW Latter part
strong breezes & Thunder & squalls
Made some sail, one Brig in sight

Lat 35° 38' N.

Long 60° 53' W.

Sunday November 17th

Commenced with strong breezes from
SW Sent main Top sail down
to repair 4 P.M. finished the
Top sail & Bent it. Blowing very
strong, half past 4 took a Squall
from NW very heavy one took in
all but fore top mast stay sail
& Run before it about 20 minutes
then came to on Star tack heading
SW Set Main Top sail Close reefed

through the Night & Latter part strong gales
and rain & squalls Ship heading SW by S

Lat 34° 37' N Long 60° 07' West

Monday November 18th

Commenced with strong breezes & Rain & squalls
from West. Course SW by S, under easy sail

4 P.M. bore ship to the North & squally through
the Night Latter part moderate breezes
& Rain & squalls, Saw one sail to the
South

Lat obs 35° 27' North

Long Chro 60° 15' West

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Tuesday Novr 19th 1861

Squally weather Ship heading to
the NW Saw one sail to the South
Through the Night and Latter Part
Squally weather Cleening Bends
and Washing the Waste must be
Latt 36-17 North

No Log

Wednesday Novr 20th

Com mences Squally & winds variable
Saw a Bark steering E S E.
at dusk Double Reef the Top sails
and took in main sail
Through the Night Squally
Latter Part Blowing a heavy rain
from N by E Ship heading to
the Westward

Latt obs 35-58 North

Long Obs 61-52 West

Thursday Novr 21st

Blowing a heavy rain from the
North with heavy squalls of rain
Ship heading W S W high short
sea running from N E, & N W.
Every thing snug as possible
6 P M wore Ship & set a goose
wing Main top sail & heading N W
A very strong gales through out the
24 hours Winds changed from
N E to S W and back to the
N W. Plenty rain in squalls
Latter Part heading W S W.

Latt 35-49 N

Long 61-46 W

Obed Shearman Master

Friday November 22nd 1861

Strong gales from NW Ship heading
WSW Plenty rain, Barometer stands
28.70 Rather Wet our Beds are wet as our
jackets Middle and Lower Parts the same
& A.M. set gill & Portcell the Pendents
made some new ones

Lat 34° 30' North

Long 62° 45' West

Saturday Nov^r 23rd

Commences with strong gales & rain
squalls Winds N by W. 4 P.M. winds
more moderate, at dark made some
sail Ship heading W by S thick weather
through the night. Some daylight made
some sail gill & Spanker & main sail
10 A.M. turned the Reef out the topsail
& set main top gallant sail
Passed a Brig steering WSW & changed
signals got out Fresh Water

Lat. obs 34° 11' North

Long Obs 64° 13' West

Sunday Nov^r 24th

Commences with strong breezes from
NNW & hauling gradually to
the Westward. At 5 P.M. winds
WSW tacked Ship to the NNW
Torel down the Mizzen Pigeon
Saw 4 sails 2 Barks heading
SW under Short sail, apparently
in company supposed something
the matter. Changed signals &
with one of them showed English Colors
Middle & Lower parts Ship heading
to the NNW Moderate breezes &
fair weather

Lat obs 35° 00'

Long Obs 65° 02'

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford
Monday Nov 25th 1861

Commences with strong breezes from
W. S. W. fine weather Course W. N. W.
Middle & Letter Parts & squally
Ship heading N. W. by N.

Lat 36° 42' N
Long 66° 34' W

Tuesday Nov 26th

Commences with strong squalls from
Westward Ship heading N. W. W. under
Double reef main Toppail Fore top-
sail & Fore sail close Reef
Large Sea & But very little gulf
weed in sight Mid & Letter Parts
more moderate At 5 A. M. bore
Ship to the S. W. Wind W. N. W.
and squally Saw 2 Sails to
the N. E.

Lat 37° 05' North
Long 67° 01' West

Wednesday Nov 27th

Commences with moderate gales
from W. N. W. & squally at Dark
took in the Fore top sail Middle
and Letter parts more moderate
Made Double Reef Toppails gill
& Spanker Saw one Sail to the
North

Lat 35° 48' Lat obs 36° 48' N.
Long obs 37° 40' W.

Thursday Nov 28th

Moderate Breezes & fine Weather
Ship heading S. W. Watch Taring the
Fore & main Rizen, Saw 2 Sails
Middle Part Wind to the S. W. Letter
Part Rizing Wind changed from S. W.
to N. W. Very sudden in a squall at 7
A. M.

Lat 36° 20' N Long 68° 50' W

Obel Shorman Master

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Friday November 29th 1861

Commenced with light breezes from
Westward 2 P.M. Relined W S W Wore
Ship to the N N W Saw 2 Sails to
the S W. Sent down cutting Pondants &
guyes and Main Royal Yards, Cleared
Tide Works gear &c Stowed down board
Strong breezes through the Night & Latter
Port Smooth Water Ship in the Gulf
Saw 4 Sails

Lat obs 37° 56' North
Long Obs 69° 40' West

Saturday Nov^r 30th 1861

Commenced with Strong breezes
from W S W Ship heading N N W
Saw 3 Sails Watch employed
taring down Back Stays
Fore Port Night Strong breezes and
Squally Course N W by N 3 A.M.
Commenced to blow here from
S W Split Fore top sail & main
Top gallant Sails Ported main
Top sail Tied Run under Close
Reeft Top sail & Fore sail until
Day light then took in Fore sail
& hoisted to heading S W Blowing
Very heavy in Squalls At 9 A.M.
Winds changed suddenly to the
N W Blowing Strong as before.
So Ends the Last Day of November
The Worst Month that I ever
Experienced at Sea

No Observations

Bark Lafayette of New Bedford

Sunday December 1st 1861
Commences with a strong gale from
the North Ship bore to heading
W S W. Cloudy Dark & Cold
Latter Part Night Winds more
more moderate Made some Seil
(Day light) Sent down main top
gallant & Seil to repair Latter
Part more moderate Repaired
Fore Top Seil Main Seil Sparker
& Main Top gallant Seil, fitted
Fore top mast Stay

Lat obs $38^{\circ}19' N$
Long Obs $41^{\circ}25' W$

Monday December 2nd

Commences with light breezes from
S W & hauled round to S S E at
dark. Watch Ship boyed Painting
Ship. Course N N W. 11 P.M. winds
Changed to S W Day light winds
N W Strong Ship under short Seil
Saw several Sails Latter part Strong
At 11 A.M. Spoke Pilot Boat
Mary Ann of New York No. 13. Stood
out of sight to the S W

Lat Obs $40^{\circ}16' N$
Long Obs $71^{\circ}30' W$

Obed Shearman Master

Tuesday December 3rd 1861

Moderate breezes from NW Course
NNE At Dark tacked Ship to WSW
Squally through the Night Latter Part
more moderate & ship heading W by N
9 A.M. Spoke Pilot Boat No 19

Mary A Williams of New York 10-30 A.M. made
Fire Island Light on Long Island bearing
about NW by W 20 Miles 4 Pilot Boat in
Sight

Lat obs. 40 32 N
Long Obs 72 40 W

Wednesday Dec 4th 1861

Commenced with strong breezes from
NW by W Ship heading ENE along South
Side Long Island At Dark 6 P.M.
Montauk Light bearing NNE by Compass
about 10 miles off took in the Light
Sails. Passed one Propeller Steamer
& several Schooners Steering WSW
Water freezes on Deck, Cold Fingers & Toes.
At 9 P.M. Passed to the South of
Block Island 12 miles off
Saw Gay head & Cut a hunk of Light

2 A.M. Tacked to East West

4 A.M. tacked back to ENE

Light got up Churns & Bent
to Anchors 9 took a Pilot
head Bearing East Latter Part
Working up the Bay.

Wind fine

About 4 took Steamer Spray
furled the Sails Sun down
Made Ship fast to Commercial
Wharfe No Ends the Summer
Cruise.

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Provisions Expended, B. Lafayette, 1861

Beef

May	30 th	One Bbl	1
June	6	" "	1
do	18	2	" 2
July	9	2	" 2
"	26	"	" 2
Aug	15	"	" 2
Sept	3	"	" 2
"	19	"	" 2
October	5	"	" 2
"	21	"	" 2
Nov	4	"	" 2
"	18	"	" 2
"	28	1	" 1

Pork

May	30 th	one Bbl	1
June	6 th	" "	1
"	18	" "	1
July	9	" "	1
Aug	15	" "	1
Sept	3	" "	1
"	19	" "	1
Oct	5	" "	1
Nov	4	" "	1
	28	" "	1

